



The Leaflet

January-February 2017

DON'T MAKE IT EASY COMMUNITY CONTESTS

Play for a Chance to Win a Wi-Fi Video Doorbell and other Safety Prizes!

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Survey Participation Encouraged to Help Shape Neighborhood Parks



25550 Commercentre Drive
Lake Forest CA 92630
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(Closed alternate Fridays)
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City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

- February 7 ■ March 7
- February 21 ■ March 21

Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- February 16 ■ April 20
- March 16 ■ May 18

Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

- February 9 ■ April 13
- March 9 ■ May 11

City Telephone Numbers

Building Division	461-3470
Building Inspection	461-3468
City Clerk	461-3420
City Council	461-3420
City Manager's Office	461-3410
Community Policing Center	461-3530
Community Preservation	461-3474
Economic Development	461-3567
Etnies Skatepark	916-5870
Graffiti Hotline	461-3583
Housing	461-3569
OC Animal Care	249-5160
Passport & Notary	461-3420
Planning	461-3491
Public Works	461-3480
Recreation	461-3450
Sports Park & Recreation Center	273-6960

City Websites

City	lakeforestca.gov
City Facebook	facebook.com/lakeforestca
Economic Development ...	lakeforestbusiness.com
	facebook.com/LakeForestBusiness
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest ..	etniesskatepark.com
Sports Park & Recreation Center ..	lfsportspark.com
Twitter	twitter.com/lakeforestca

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City Manager's Message

Serving as City Manager for the City of Lake Forest has been an incredible experience. After 21 years of service, I announced my retirement to spend more quality time with my family and pursue other interests and hobbies. While the timing of the decision is difficult to choose, it seems that the occasion of the City's 25th Anniversary is an appropriate milestone to mark a transition in professional city leadership.



It has been my honor and pleasure to devote half of my public service career as Lake Forest's City Manager. My motivation and commitment always has been to ensure that the community is better and more beautiful as I depart than when I arrived in January 1996. In the past month leading up to my retirement, I've reflected on some of the more prominent projects and events that occurred in Lake Forest during the last 21 years.

- Unifying the community to realize the City's originally envisioned boundaries incorporating Lake Forest with Foothill Ranch and Portola Hills;
- Acquiring the El Toro Road Redevelopment Project Area from the County of Orange resulting in the transformation of the El Toro Road commercial area into the Arbor on El Toro. The revitalization of the El Toro Road corridor realized the community's vision for its "Front Door" with streetscape beautification and improved traffic flow;
- Establishing an award winning public-private partnership resulting in the opening of the Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest, which enjoys worldwide recognition as a premier skating facility;
- Helping to stop a commercial airport at the former MCAS El Toro prompting the City to initiate an Opportunity Study to transform previously entitled commercial vacant land into new neighborhoods and community amenities;
- Opening an 86-acre Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center to satisfy a long-standing community need and desire for premier recreation facilities;
- And, soon to come – the Lake Forest Civic Center designed as an eight-acre campus for the Senior Center, Community Center, Council Chamber/Performance Arts Center, and City Hall/Police Center/Emergency Operations Center.

I am confident that I exceeded my expectations as your City Manager, and hopeful that I've also exceeded the expectations of the City Council that hired me and those which have followed. I also hope that the majority of residents – past and present – would agree that the community today is far more beautiful and better than it was 21 years ago. I am proud of my public service to the community and wish Lake Forest the absolute best future.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
Retired City Manager

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Ten Neighborhood Parks Ready for Makeovers

BE
In the Know
PARK RENOVATION PROJECTS

Lake Forest parks are the gateway to the natural beauty that exists in the City. The upcoming renovation of 10 neighborhood parks will contribute to their long-term viability and preservation. With updated amenities and modern facilities, Lake Forest parks will continue to be a social gathering place for people of all ages to enjoy.

In addition, a Whispering Hills Community Workshop is planned for Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Lake Forest Sports Park (28000 Rancho Parkway). The Whispering Hills site is located just west of the intersection of Lake Forest Drive and Dimension Drive. During the workshop, the City will gather public input regarding proposed park uses at the undeveloped site.

To help shape the future of these parks, community members are encouraged to take a neighborhood park improvement survey regarding park use and amenities by March 6, 2017. To read more about the project or to take the survey, visit lakeforestca.gov/RenovateYourPark. Working together will produce a unified plan to provide neighborhood parks that truly serve the community needs. If you have any questions regarding the project, contact 461-3451.

Visit lakeforestca.gov/RenovateYourPark

- ✓ Project background and news.
- ✓ Project plans and reports.
- ✓ Subscription service to sign up for the latest project news.

RENOVATIONS PLANNED FOR...

Borrego Overlook Park
Cherry Park
Darrin Park
Montbury Park
Peachwood Park
Pebble Creek Park
Rancho Serrano Park
Regency Park
Sundowner Park
Vintage Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

State of the City and Meet the Mayor • February 2017

The Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce and the City are co-hosting the annual State of the City and Meet the Mayor. Held at Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive), the Mayor will provide updates on the City's major development projects, as well as share resources for Lake Forest businesses. The event will feature a catered dinner, desserts, live music, prizes, and networking opportunities. More information, including date and ticket availability, will be posted at lakeforestcachamber.com once they become available. If you have any questions, contact 461-3567.

Women Entrepreneurs Forum • March 2017

The City and SCORE are hosting a Women Entrepreneurs Forum designed for new, prospective, and veteran entrepreneurs. The forum will include a variety of topics, including strategic partnerships, sales, marketing, and leadership strategies and will also feature a panel of women entrepreneurs and executives sharing their career paths and the challenges they have overcome. A light breakfast will be provided. For more information, email economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov or call 461-3558.

Lake Forest Civic Center Groundbreaking • Spring/Summer 2017

The City will reach its next major milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony this year, marking the official start of construction for the new Lake Forest Civic Center. The first City-owned Civic Center is expected to be completed in 2019 and will include a new City Hall, Community Center, Senior Center, Performing Arts Venue, and a Community Policing/Emergency Operations Center. Stay posted on the details for the event at lakeforestca.gov/CivicCenter, or contact us at 461-3420.

Burglar's Dream House Challenge

News Feed



News Feed

John Doe with Jane Doe and 3 others

4 hours ago



Off to Hawaii in a week

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1. Open windows
2. Open door
3. Broken light
4. Overflow trash bin
5. Accumulation of newspapers
6. Announcing travels on social media
7. Keys visible from outside
8. Open garage
9. Unsecured bike
10. Hedges and bushes not trimmed
11. Overflow mailbox
12. Ladder and garden tools not stored away
13. Displaying empty boxes of valuable items

COMMUNITY CONTESTS

Burglar's Dream House Challenge

Deadline: Tuesday, February 28

Put your thinking caps on and identify all 13 problems with the home pictured on page 4. Participants will be entered into a raffle drawing for a chance to win one of three prizes to help secure your home! Circle all 13 safety problems and drop off page 4 at Lake Forest City Hall, 2nd floor (25550 Commercentre Drive), or submit your answers online at lakeforestca.gov/DontMakeItEasy. Winners will be notified on Friday, March 3.



One grand prize winner will receive a Skybell HD Wi-Fi Video Doorbell.

Home Security Checklist Challenge

Deadline: Tuesday, March 7

The Home Security Checklist Challenge helps increase home safety and security awareness and offers "food for thought" as you go through the checklist. Take the challenge at lakeforestca.gov/DontMakeItEasy for a chance to win more safety prizes! Three winners will be randomly selected to win a multi-purpose alarm sensor or iPad book covers. Winners will be notified on Thursday, March 9.



One grand prize winner will receive a Samsung SmartThings Sensor.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 282-5214

Community Speaks

Contest Connects the Community with Crime Prevention Tips

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Community Speaks contest. With 100 community-submitted crime prevention tips received, the City encourages you to share these safety messages with your family and neighbors to help keep Lake Forest safe!

Melissa Calvano

Always lock doors. Use light timers when out of town. Keep the TV on to give off the illusion that someone is home.

Molly Levegood

Get to know your neighbors. Agree to look out for everyone's children and property. Dogs make good security.

Jessica Klein

Lock your doors and have a cell phone with you.

April Wilson

Get to know your neighbors.

Nicole Tormey

Get to know your neighbors to help keep an eye on each other's homes.

Glenn Tormey

Remember to lock all doors and set the alarm. Leave lights on when you are not at home.

Sterling & Wina

Don't talk to strangers.

Mustafa Namik

Keep your car locked when you are not near it.

Amber Rockenbach

Lock valuables in the car trunk and don't leave them out in plain view when parked on the street.

Jules Juliana

Always pay attention to your surroundings.

Donna Hisey

Don't walk alone at night. Get a buddy.

Jeanne Piccione

Park under or near a lamppost when shopping at night so you and your car are visible.

Bill Birthright

Unless your bike rack/carrier is a locking model, secure the bike with a lock or a cable when left unattended while it is on the rack. You can deter theft by removing the seat post and saddle while unattended.

Kevin Moeller

Never hang or leave a purse on the back of a chair at a restaurant or store where someone can gain access. Take pictures of all your cards to be able to report loss property as promptly as possible.

COMMUNITY CONTESTS

Sportswriter Contest

Why America Needs Football

Story by
Nathan Collie,
age 13

Some people say that baseball is America's game but how can they think that? "Football is like life - it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority." (Vince Lombardi) Football is the #1 sport in America.

First, football boosts the economy. Football teams and stadiums provide much needed job opportunities to the community. Recently, the LA Rams held a job fair and they hired over five-thousand people. Commercials broadcasted during regular games can cost almost \$500,000 for just a thirty second ad. During the Super Bowl, they can cost up to \$5 million for a thirty second ad. More pizzas are sold on Super Bowl Sunday than any other day of the year. One billion chicken wings are sold on Super Bowl Sunday, 55 million pounds of avocados, 28 million pounds of potato chips, and much more. Super Bowl Sunday is the second largest grilling day of the year.

Second, it brings family and friends together. The average Super Bowl party has at least 17 guests, 155 million people watch the game, 22 million people attend a party, and 50 million people tailgate every year. One of my favorites is Fantasy Football. My brother, my friends, and I love playing flag football. Football brings excitement to boring Sunday afternoons. With only 16 regular season games, every game is exciting and important.

With Fantasy Football, tailgates, a growing economy, the Super Bowl, and seeing family and friends, what is there not to love about football? Playing the game helps kids develop life skills like teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and self-esteem. Football is no doubt the best sport in America.

Thank you Nathan Collie for sharing your passion for football! If you have a story to tell about any sports-related topic, email chon@lakeforestca.gov by May 22 for a chance to win prizes.



2017 Community Calendars Pick up your free 2017 Lake Forest Community Calendar at City Hall or at the Sports Park and Recreation Center today! The 12-month full-color calendar showcases how community members "Find Their Fun" in Lake Forest.

Fourth of July Logo Design Contest

If you have a creative and patriotic design for the City's Fourth of July parade, send a high resolution JPEG of your original artwork to dborenstein@lakeforestca.gov to enter the logo contest. This year's theme is "Let Freedom Ring!" The winner will have their logo featured on all Fourth of July parade advertising and will be a VIP at this year's parade. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, February 1 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Danielle Borenstein at 273-6974.

Caption This



Thank you to everyone who captioned this photo! The winning captions are:

- *Are they serious with that height? A Chihuahua could jump that!*
– Cheryl Lynn Richard Grimes
- *Did you tell the judges I was a beagle again? That's cheating Carl!*
– Jonathan Edwards
- *Show me treats, THEN I'll think about jumping this.* – Michael Schwartz
- *He's not going to jump it, he can step over it.* – Boomer NC

Look for the next photo on the City's Facebook page (facebook.com/lakeforestca) on Wednesday, March 1 and caption it in 25 words or less. Comments must be appropriate and will be judged based on wit, creativity, humor, and originality.

Pollution-Free Stormwater

Winter weather is in full swing, and with that can come heavy winds and rain! Wind and heavy rain can spread leaves and other organic debris, as well as litter and other unprotected pollutants throughout your property, into the street and gutter, and ultimately into our storm drains. Unlike water that flows through the sewers (from sinks and toilets), water that flows through storm drains is not treated before it enters our local creeks, lakes, bays, and the ocean. This is called urban runoff/stormwater pollution. Help reduce stormwater pollution and improve the health of our local water resources by being prepared and following these simple recommendations:

- ❧ Collect fallen leaves and other organic debris from outdoor spaces, and from the sidewalk and gutter, and dispose in a green waste bin.
- ❧ Do not apply fertilizer within 48 hours prior to a forecasted rain event because excess fertilizer can be washed down the storm drain. Store fertilizers, pesticides, and all other hazardous materials outdoors and in secured watertight containers to keep them from washing into the storm drain.
- ❧ Use the rain delay function on the irrigation controller during rain events to eliminate water waste and runoff from excess irrigation. It can carry pollutants to the storm drain.
- ❧ Introduce mulch to landscape. Mulch can eliminate or limit topsoil erosion from landscape or garden, preserve moisture, suppress weeds, and is aesthetically appealing.
- ❧ Pick up pet waste and dispose in the trash or the toilet.

If you would like more information on preventing pollutants from reaching the storm drain, the City has partnered with other Orange County agencies to develop an online resource webpage at overwateringisout.org.

24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480



FAIR HOUSING

An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3569.

Help Find Forever Homes For Us!

Looking for a pet? The City and OC Animal Care have teamed up to help find forever homes for adoptable Lake Forest animals. Find the next members of your family at OC Animal Care and help them find forever homes to call their very own! Visit ocpet-info.com for a list of available pets waiting to be brought into a warm and loving home. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160.





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Recreation & Events **CALENDAR**

Winter 2017

Saturday, JANUARY 28

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

SnowFest

Pittsford Park
21701 Pittsford Dr.

Fee: \$7 per sledder

Pre-registration required; additional
activities available for nominal fee

**SnowFest Rain Date: Saturday,
February 4**

**Lake Forest Resident Ticket Sales
Begin Wednesday, January 11**



Spring registration begins
Tuesday, February 7 at 8 a.m.

Saturday, FEBRUARY 18

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Dog-a-Palooza Pet Expo

Lake Forest
Sports Park
(The Commons)
28000 Rancho Pkwy.



Thursday, FEBRUARY 2

Wednesday, FEBRUARY 15

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Advisory Committee for Teens

Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

For more info contact
mvillasenor@lakeforestca.gov

Monday, FEBRUARY 6

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Fourth of July Parade Committee

Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: Free to attend

For more info contact
dborenstein@lakeforestca.gov

Friday, FEBRUARY 24

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Rock Around the Clock Seniors 50s Sock Hop

Lake Forest Community Center
25550 Commercentre Dr.

Fee: \$10 per person
Pre-registration required.

Friday, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

"Last Fridays" Lounge Nights

Lake Forest Recreation Center
28000 Rancho Pkwy.

Fee: \$5 per person pre-registered
\$7 per person at the door

For more information, call Community Services at **461-3450** or the Sports Park at **273-6960**